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HOISINGTON, KANSAS WOMAN CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

WICHITA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Barbara J. Nolte**, 60, Hoisington, Kansas, was charged by a federal grand jury in Wichita, Kansas, on October 21, 2003, with one count of embezzlement.

Melgren said that the indictment alleges that from February 19, 2002, through May 29, 2003, Nolte, while an employee of First Kansas Bank, embezzled approximately \$80,090 from First Kansas Bank by creating fraudulent loans and removing IRA funds and used the money for her personal benefit.

Melgren stated that Nolte is scheduled to make her initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Wichita, Kansas on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. before U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen M. Humphreys. If convicted, Nolte faces a maximum of thirty years in federal prison without parole. The case was investigated by the FBI.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The charges filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.